

## FEELING IN FRANCE.

General Opinion That a Pacific Settlement Will be the End.

Paris, December 18.—La Patrie, referring to President Cleveland's message, remarks: The United States will obtain complete satisfaction by the vigorous attitude. Great Britain is only strong with the weak. She is prudent with those who are determined to defend the dignity of their country. The affair will be a great lesson to all nations.

La Liberté says: A controversy is proceeding between peoples of the same ethnological origin and who are accustomed to big words but whose cold passion does not go even so far as a letting of blood again. It is only a false alarm and will certainly be arranged.

The Journal des Debats says: We can not imagine an election maneuver in such a grave question. It is probable and must be hoped for that the good sense of the statesmen of Washington and London would prevent the dispute from being envenomed to the extent of an open rupture, in spite of the excited tone of the newspapers of both countries.

The Temps says: A struggle between Great Britain and the great Republic of the New World would seem a crime against humanity and civilization, and adds: As much as it is inadmissible that England can accept the arrogant pretensions of the message, so it is hoped that she will discover a pacific and quietable solution of the difficulty. As to an Anglo-American war, it is impossible. These periodical ebullitions can not result in such a crime against civilization. In 1888, when Mr. Cleveland was on the eve of a presidential campaign, he acted as a chauvinist in giving Sir Lionel Sackville-West his passports. Nothing further resulted. There will be a great deal of outcry, chiefly because Mr. Bayard's maladdress and Lord Dunraven's misadventures have excited the people, but all will be finally arranged. Whatever lesson arrogance on one side and a spirit of conquest on the other side deserve, we hope and expect a peaceable solution of the affair.

The Republique Francaise says: It is in every way a big affair which has fallen into Lord Salisbury's hands. They would not be sorry in London to draw United States into a quarrel, in view of our frontier troubles with Brazil, but they must not imagine that we shall hasten to play upon this occasion the game of diplomacy of Great Britain, who is isolated in the East and Far East. We shall be curious and amused to see what steps she will take respecting this ill-tempered Brother Jonathan in view of her policy of independent action.

## A QUEEN DEAD.

Apia, Samoa, Nov. 30, per steamer Alameda, via San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Miss Margaret Young, queen of the Manua group, is dead. She came to the throne as the direct descendant of the royal line on the side of her mother, who married Arthur Young, a trader. The queen was 23 years of age and had reigned four years.

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## EXPRESSION IN GERMANY.

Cleveland's Message Not Seriously Interpreted—Sporting for Fight.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—A representative of the Associated Press has had an interview on the subject of President Cleveland's message with a high government official. He said:

"Europe has never acquiesced in the Monroe doctrine. President Cleveland's threatened interference between the two other nations is not seriously interpreted here. Threats will show England the danger of isolation."

Count Von Kanitz, the agrarian leader and author of the grain monopoly scheme, remarked: "The United States seems to be spoiling for a fight. She might get her hands full."

Herr Richter, the people's party leader, said: "I suppose it is an election trick of President Cleveland's but it is doubtful if England will back down."

Herr von Puttekamer, ex-president said: "The whole thing looks like an American practical joke."

Herr Von Koeller, who recently resigned the portfolio of Prussian minister of the interior made the following statement: "Germany does not see any reason for taking sides in this question."

Herr Dona-Schledin, a member of the reichstag said: "It is time to bring about an international definition of the oft quoted Monroe doctrine and the present occasion may accomplish it."

The Berlin Post during the course of an editorial had to say:

"We must not forget that a presidential election campaign is near and in America the means resorted to on such occasions can not be too drastic."

The Vossische Zeitung intimates that "The president's demands are such as to attract the attention of other powers besides Great Britain."

The National Zeitung, alluding to the Venezuelan question says that President Cleveland demands that Great Britain should submit her claim to Venezuela to arbitration and at the same time declares that the disputed territory belongs to Venezuela. Inasmuch as America claims to act as the sole arbitrator in the matter the president's demand for arbitration is a mere farce. Likewise is the proposed committee of inquiry.

Continuing the National Zeitung expresses doubt "whether the message was intended to be taken seriously," adding, "in any case President Cleveland's tone was influenced by the situation in the Far East and Turkey." In conclusion the National Zeitung points to the isolation of England.

## AS VIEWED IN MEXICO.

City of Mexico, Dec. 18.—The Mexican Herald says war with England would be an unspeakable calamity; it means a terrible blow to the rising prestige and predominance of the Anglo-Saxon race. It would probably result in the assumption of leadership in the world's affairs by some great nation hostile to the increasing predominance of English speaking countries.

The fate of a mighty breed of men hangs upon the prudence and wisdom of the cabinets of Washington and London.

The English speaking colony here is excited over the talk of war between the United States and England, and the general opinion is that war would be a calamity to the Anglo-Saxon race.

Mexican politicians consider that Cleveland's emphatic indorsement of the Monroe doctrine gives the principle a fixed place in international law, and will unite all Latin America with the United States in any case of European aggression in this hemisphere.

The movement began in Salvador favoring the union of all Latin America in a league which shall wage a tariff war against any European nation manifesting hostility to any American nation is well received. The Monroe doctrine is enthusiastically approved in Central America.

It is announced that the monitor Monadnock will be ready for sea in a few days. She has been in course of construction at Mare Island for twenty-one years.

## SPEEDY JUSTICE.

How Depredators Upon Railroad Property Are Served in Mexico.

Torreón, Mex., Dec. 16.—On the evening of the 14th two Mexicans were caught trying to burn a small bridge on the Mexican Central between here and Lerdo. They were taken to Lerdo, tried and shot the next morning under the new law, which fixes the penalty at death for any interference or obstruction to trains. The bodies of the men were hung to the bridge they tried to burn for twenty-four hours as a warning to others.

Recently at Lerdo, a boy was given five years in the penitentiary for throwing a rock through a passenger coach window.

These strict measures have become necessary by reason of repeated obstructions on the track and other interference with trains the past few months.

## A BIG HEARTED MAN.

Mr. Wm. Chamberlain of Laredo will please accept the thanks of The Caller for a pair of bronze deer horns—perfect beauties. Mr. Chamberlain, who is an old time subscriber to The Caller, has recently moved from Rio Grande City to Laredo, where he has opened a family grocery store on the Heights. It is the only store in that portion of the city and it is to the interest of the people living in East Laredo to see that he does well. A better hearted man than Chamberlain is not to be found anywhere; generous almost to a fault. Mr. C. has friends everywhere, from Laredo to the mouth of Rio Grande, who wish him success. —Corpus Christi Caller.

## THE NEWS BRIEFED.

A call has been issued on the national banks for a report of their condition at the close of business on Friday, December 13.

The republican senators in caucus Wednesday resolved that the senate should not adjourn for the holidays until the committees should be completed.

The committee on foreign affairs of the United States senate has decided to sit during the holiday recess for the consideration of the Venezuelan question in its entirety.

Justice Harriman, New York, was called upon the other day to settle a question of the ownership of some carrier pigeons. He ordered the pigeons released, saying that they would go to their own owner's care, but neither of the disputants have seen anything of them since, and they are talking about suing the justice.

Plans for the admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico to statehood have again made their appearance in congress, the first being presented by General Wheeler and other two by the new delegates of the respective territories, Messrs. Murphy and Catron.

Minister Terrell states that the Caimakaus Aintob and the Mutesarif of Amassia acted very well during the riots. Papers friendly to the above, please copy.—Houston Post.

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